Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 132

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 132—Relative to the Deputy David P. Grant Memorial Highway.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 132, Cogdill. Deputy David P. Grant Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate the portion of State Highway Route 49 one mile before and after its intersection with Parrott's Ferry Road, in Tuolumne County, as the Deputy David P. Grant Memorial Highway. The measure would also request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost of appropriate signs showing this special designation, and upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those signs.

WHEREAS, During the late morning of May 31, 2004, Deputy David P. Grant, a 15-year veteran of the Tuolumne County Sheriff's Department with more than 26 years of law enforcement experience, suffered fatal injuries responding to a "plane down" call near the town of Columbia; and

WHEREAS, Responding appropriately to the call at a high rate of speed, Deputy David P. Grant's vehicle swerved to avoid colliding with two other vehicles, left the roadway, and struck a tree; and

WHEREAS, Deputy David P. Grant was critically injured and transported to the Sonora Regional Medical Center where, surrounded by family and fellow deputies, he succumbed to his injuries; and

WHEREAS, The Tuolumne County Sheriff's Department had not lost an officer in the line of duty for more than 37 years; and

WHEREAS, Born and raised in Tuolumne County, Deputy David P. Grant was a "natural" and was destined to become a peace officer; and

WHEREAS, At the tender age of 16, Deputy David P. Grant served as an Explorer Cadet with the Sonora Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Following his career dream, Deputy David P. Grant was sworn in as a Sonora police officer in 1978 at 21 years of age; and

WHEREAS, Desiring to broaden his experience in a larger department, Deputy David P. Grant accepted an appointment with the Oceanside Police Department in 1981 and served the City of Oceanside with distinction for eight years; and

WHEREAS, His family and a deep-seated love for Tuolumne County brought Deputy David P. Grant home where he was sworn in as a Tuolumne County Deputy Sheriff on October 9, 1989; and

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WHEREAS, Friends and colleagues of Deputy David P. Grant described him as one of the finest police officers, and as a person who loved his profession, loved helping people, and loved Tuolumne County; and

WHEREAS, Deputy David P. Grant is survived by his wife Richie, son Justin, and daughters Rory Williams, Jennifer, and Whitney; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the Legislature recognizes the contributions of Deputy David P. Grant to the people of California and designates the portion of State Highway Route 49 one mile before and after its intersection with Parrott's Ferry Road, in Tuolumne County, as the Deputy David P. Grant Memorial Highway; and be it further

Resolved, That the Department of Transportation is requested to determine the cost of appropriate signs consistent with the signing requirements for the state highway system, showing this special designation, and upon receiving donations from nonstate sources sufficient to cover the cost, to erect those signs; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the Department of Transportation and to the author for appropriate distribution.